collected in 1981 Census. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment have taken up the issue of collection of disability data through the 2001 Census from 1997 onwards with the concerned authorities. We have also offered to provide training to enumerators to be used for this purpose. However, in view of the technical difficulties in collecting accurate disability data in the 1981 Census, the Registrar General & Census Commissioner as well as the Ministry of Home Affairs are of the view that Census is not the right medium for collecting reliable data on disability. It has, therefore, been decided to request the Department of Statistics to direct National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) to undertake a comprehensive sample survey to collect data on the incidence of disability as was done earlier in 1991.

Permission for Foreign Investment in Print Media

*53. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to permit entry of foreign investment in the print media;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) have expressed serious concern on such permission;

(c) if so, whether Government have assessed the impact on indigenous print media of the foreign investments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what other steps would be taken to save the indigenous print media?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No Sir.

(b) The Indian Newspaper Society has strongly opposed the entry of foreign newspapers/periodicals in India.

(c) to (e) In view of the reply to (a) the question does not arise.

Provision of funds for Urban/Rural Development in Himachal Pradesh

*54. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of towns and villages in Himachal Pradesh to which funds

have been provided by the Central Government under the various schemes of urban/rural development and year-wise funds provided to each town/village during the last five years; and

(b) how much money was spent out of the funds involved and how much it remained unspent for each town/village and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The following schemes are being implemented in Himachal Pradesh for which funds have been provided by the Central Government for urban and rural development:—

(A) Urban Development Schemes:

1. Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT).

2. Central Urban Infrastructure Support Scheme (CUISS).

3. Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP).

The funds released by the Central Government and expenditure incurred in respect of the schemes mentioned at serial No. 1 and 2 above is given in statement-I. (*See* below) and in respect of scheme mentioned at serial No. 3 above is given in the statement-II. (*See* below)

(B) Rural Development Scheme:

1. Swaranjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojna (SGSY).

2. Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojna (JGSY).

3. Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS).

4. Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission.

5. Indira Awas Yojna (IAY).

6. National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP).

7. Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP).

The Ministry of Rural Development allocates funds for the above mentioned schemes State-wise/District-wise, and not on the basis of towns/villages. Funds released by the Central Government and expenditure incurred in respect of above mentioned schemes for the last five years is not available. However, the same for the last four years is given in Annexure-III. [*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 7]

Statement-I

Financial Progress in respect of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT) including CUISS Scheme of Urban Development

(Rs. in Lakh)

Towns / Year		Hamirpur	Nahan	Una	Rampur	Dharmashala	Mandi
1995-96	Central Release	20.00	15.00	—	—	—	—
	Total Expenditure	40.14	—	—	—	—	—
	Unspent Balance	Nil	15.00	—	—	—	—
1996-97	Central Release	—	—	15.00	—	—	—
	Total Expenditure	—	—	—	—	—	26.70
	Unspent Balance	—	—	15.00	—	—	Nil
1997-98	Central Release	—	—	15.00	—	—	—
	Total Expenditure	57.91	—	13.86	—	—	65.30
	Unspent Balance	Nil	—	1.14	—	—	Nil
1998-99	Central Release	—	—	—	1.00	25.00	—
	Total Expenditure	—	17.93	—	—	—	135.37
	Unspent Balance	—	Nil	—	1.00	25.00	Nil
1999-2000	Central Release	—	32.00	15.00	0	—	—
	Total Expenditure	—	3.54	15.12	—	—	—
	Unspent Balance	—	28.46	Nil	—	—	—

Total expenditure and unspent balance includes State Government's share also.

Statement-II

Details of the funds released to Himachal Pradesh alongwith expenditure as reported by the State Government in respect of Accelerated Urban Water Supply Scheme

(Amount Rs. in Lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Town	Project Cost	Funds released*		Expenditure upto Dec., 1999
			By the Govt. of India	By the State Govt.	
1.	Rewalsar	39.00	8.79	33.23	51.65
2.	Chowari	39.50	(1993-94)	26.28	46.03
3.	Dehra	146.60	9.88	128.57	199.51
4.	Rohru	101.00	(1994-95)	85.31	137.62
5.	Sarkaghat	117.90	82.83	96.45	107.91
6.	Chopal (sanctioned in November, 1999)	193.00	(1995-96) 16.60 (1996-97) 44.95		
7.	Dalhousie (sanctioned in January, 2000)	433.00	(1997-98) 58.95 (1998-99) 156.50 (1999-2000)		
	TOTAL	1070.00	378.50	369.84	542.72

Amount to be utilised — Rs. 205.62 Lakh

* Central Government sanctions the schemes received from the state Government after scrutinising them and funds are released to the State Government for all the ongoing schemes depending upon the availability of funds in the particular financial year.

Inclusion of More Backward Classes in OBC List

*55. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have included more backward classes in the Central